

# **DNREC announces preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps for portions of Kent County now available from FEMA**

DOVER (April 12, 2013) – The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control has announced that preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps for portions of Kent County have been released by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The preliminary maps are available online at [www.rampp-team.com/de.htm](http://www.rampp-team.com/de.htm).

DNREC's Shoreline and Waterway Management Section worked with FEMA to produce the new preliminary flood risk maps for Kent County. FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conducted the modeling and mapping for the tidal portions of the Delaware Bay in Kent County. DNREC in cooperation with URS Corporation conducted the modeling and mapping of the non-tidal portions of Kent County in the Murderkill watershed.

The preliminary maps include proposed changes to the existing Flood Insurance Rate Maps in Kent County along the Delaware Bay shoreline and adjacent tidal floodplains and the non-tidal portions of the Murderkill watershed upstream to Harrington. The proposed changes include additions or modifications of base flood elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries, zone designations or regulatory floodways.

FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program makes flood insurance available to local property owners. Mortgage lenders require borrowers whose properties are located in a designated special flood hazard area to purchase flood insurance as a condition of receiving a federally backed mortgage loan in accordance with the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973. Over the

past several years, DNREC has helped several Delaware communities join the national flood insurance program.

Standard homeowners insurance does not cover damage incurred by flooding, however, all property owners can purchase flood insurance. Homeowners interested in how the proposed changes could impact the cost of their flood insurance premium should contact their insurance agent.

The Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps and the Flood Insurance Study report for Kent County watersheds and communities are available for review online [www.rampp-team.com/de.htm](http://www.rampp-team.com/de.htm) and can also be viewed at respective Community Map Repository address listed in the table below.

<b>Community</b>	<b>Community Map Repository Address</b>
Kent County, Delaware, and Incorporated Areas	Preliminary Maps Available for Inspection Online at: <a href="http://www.rampp-team.com/de.htm">www.rampp-team.com/de.htm</a>
City of Dover	City Hall, Planning Department and Inspection, 15 Loockerman Plaza, Dover, DE 19901.
City of Harrington	City Hall, 106 Dorman, Harrington, DE 19952.
Town of Bowers	Bowers Town Hall, 3308 Main Street, Frederica, DE 19946.
Town of Camden	Town Hall, 1783 Friends Way, Camden, DE 19934.
Town of Felton	Town Hall, 24 East Sewell Street, Felton, DE 19943.
Town of Frederica	Town Hall, 2 East David Street, Frederica, DE 19946.
Town of Leipsic	Town Hall, 207 Main Street, Leipsic, DE 19901.

<b>Community</b>	<b>Community Map Repository Address</b>
Town of Little Creek	Little Creek Fire Hall, 311 Main Street, Little Creek, DE 19961.
Town of Smyrna	Town Hall, 27 South Market Street, Smyrna, DE 19977.
Town of Wyoming	Municipal Building, 1 North Railroad Avenue, Wyoming, DE 19934.
Unincorporated Areas of Kent County	Kent County Administrative Complex, Department of Planning Services, 555 Bay Road, Dover, DE 19901

The effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps, which indicate the current floodplain boundaries and areas of greatest flood risk, can be found at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov).

Public comments on the proposed Flood Insurance Rate Maps, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-1301, can be submitted in writing to Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4064, or by email [Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov). The federal register notice can be viewed at <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/04/04/2013-07817/proposed-flood-hazard-determination>.

For additional information on the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps, contact Greg Williams or Michael Powell, DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship at (302) 739-9921. For information on the DNREC's flood mitigation program, visit DNREC's website at <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Drainage/Pages/Flooding.aspx>.

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